

Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

§381.121b

(10) As used in this section a “random weight consumer size package” is one of a lot, shipment or delivery of packages of the same product, with varying weights and with no fixed weight pattern.

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§381.121a Quantity of contents labeling.

Sections 381.121a through 381.121e of this part prescribe the procedures to be followed for determining net weight compliance and prescribe the reasonable variations from the declared net weight on the labels of immediate containers of products in accordance with §381.121 of this part.

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§381.121b Definitions and procedures for determining net weight compliance.

(a) For the purpose of §381.121b of this part, the reasonable variations allowed, definitions, and procedures to be used in determining net weight and net weight compliance are described in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 133, “Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods,” Third Edition, September 1988, and Supplements 1, 2, 3, and 4 dated September 1990, October 1991, October 1992, and October 1994, respectively, which are incorporated by reference, with the exception of the NIST Handbook 133 and Supplements 1 and 3 requirements listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section. Those provisions, incorporated by reference herein, are considered mandatory requirements. This incorporation was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. (These materials are incorporated as they exist on the date of approval.) Copies may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. It is also available for inspection at the Office of the Federal Register Information Center, 800 North Capitol Street NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20408.

(b) The following NBS Handbook 133 requirements are not incorporated by reference.

Chapter 2—General Considerations

- 2.13.1 Polyethylene Sheeting and Film
- 2.13.2 Textiles
- 2.13.3 Mulch

Chapter 3—Methods of Test for Packages Labeled by Weight

- 3.11. Aerosol Packages
- 3.14. Glazed Raw Seafood and Fish
- 3.15. Canned Coffee
- 3.16. Borax
- 3.17. Flour

Chapter 4—Methods of Test for Packages Labeled by Volume

- 4.7. Milk
- 4.8. Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing
- 4.9. Paint, Varnish, and Lacquers—Nonaerosol
- 4.11. Peat Moss
- 4.12. Bark Mulch
- 4.15. Ice Cream Novelties

Chapter 5—Methods of Test for Packages Labeled by Count, Length, Area, Thickness, or Combinations of Quantities

- 5.4. Polyethylene Sheeting
- 5.5. Paper Plates
- 5.6. Sanitary Paper Products
- 5.7. Pressed and Blown Glass Tumblers and Stemware

Appendix D: Package Net Contents Regulations

- D.1.1 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration
- D.1.2 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service
- D.1.3 Federal Trade Commission
- D.1.4 Environmental Protection Agency
- D.1.5 U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

(c) The following requirements of Supplement 1 dated September 1990, Supplement 3 dated October 1992, and Supplement 4 dated October 1994, of NIST Handbook 133 are not incorporated by reference.

Supplement 1

Chapter 2 General Considerations

- 2.13.1. Polyethylene Sheeting and Film
- 2.13.2. Textiles
- 2.13.3. Mulch

Chapter 3 Methods of Test for Packages Labeled by Weight

- 3.11.4. Exhausting the Aerosol Container